

St. Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council
November 27, 2018

Present: Sheila Hebein, Michael O'Donovan, Jose Juan Moreno, Betsy Quinn, Damian Barta, Yvonne Smith, Cynthia Judge, Suzanne Lefevre

Absent: Nora Bondi, Fabiola Alonso, Arturo Medina

Opening Prayer – 7:13 pm – Father Tito

Approval of Minutes: Betsy Quinn proposed a motion to approve the October 23, 2018 minutes, Yvonne Smith seconded and they were unanimously approved.

Parish Update - Father Tito

- Armenian Church/Green Team: would someone from PPC be interested in joining this effort?
- Service Trip – 2019: we want to do a Youth component; perhaps 12 youth could join; Location - South Dakota Indian Reservation – Spirit Lake; does everyone need to be Virtus Trained with youth involvement? Perhaps Jeanie Brabeck and/or Pat Trafton will come to our January meeting to discuss this year's trip.
- First Virtus training was last night, Nora Bondi led the session, and it was full. One Training was done in Spanish. We will offer Virtus Training at our Parish, once a quarter or as needed.
- Youth – James is going to the other Parish Staff meetings; informative for him; enlightening for him and other staff; highlights that this job is not easy; St. Nick's does support Youth and James' office is at St. Nick's.
- New Director of Religious Education: Approximately seven people will serve on a Search Committee to fill this position. The new person needs both bilingual and technology skills; we haven't written the job description yet. Sr. Christina's official last day is July 1st, but she is open to a period of overlap if needed. There will be discussions of some of the other roles Sr. Christina has filled such as the Rummage Sale and ReLent Groups – There will be a need for greater involvement by many people. Engagement will be very important in 2019
- Renew My Church: St. Joan of Arc School will continue for one year and be evaluated. 2021 will be when our Renew My Church grouping will be activated

PPC Reports:

- Update on Listening Sessions

- Meeting with Bishop Mark Bartosic is schedule for December 17th: Sheila, Cynthia and Father Tito will attend.
- Bishop Bartosic was recently at Grandpeople's Day for Pope John XXIII School.
- Women in the Diaconate – Chris Murphy is leading that effort – he is drafting a letter and a packet of materials to go to Cardinal Cupich before the January meeting at Mundelein.
- Mental Health Meetings: Chris Murphy held meetings at St. Nick's for the local area parishes. Where do we go from here? A lot of people from St. Nick's participated; how can we support those in need?

New Business:

Kwanzaa Mass – planned by Yvonne Smith and Sandra Davis. It will be held on December 29th at the 4:30 Mass, with a reception to follow. Kwanzaa is a celebration of Family Values, which mirror social teachings of the Catholic Church.

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino celebration and it will be celebrated on December 22nd at the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

Vision Keeper Award: The PPC recommends that Tom Carney be St. Nicholas nominee in 2019 for the Vision Keeper Award.

Three very involved parishioners will be leaving St. Nicholas in 2019: Damian Barta, Barb Mott and Tom Carney. They will be greatly missed. We need to proactively find people to replace them in various ministries (PPC, United Power, Interfaith Action of Evanston, Family Promise).

United Power – Damian reported on United Power activities. Members from St. Nick's have attended numerous meetings in the quest for a Crisis Stabilization Unit. The group has met several times with the President of St. Francis Hospital and at their October 30th meeting he said that they will be renovating their Emergency Department in 2019– the budget for this project is \$10 million. St. Francis has no Psych Dept and hasn't had for a few years. They do not have a Psychiatrist on their staff at the present time. St. Francis is now part of Amita Health and they are viewing their Behavioral Health services from the perspective of their entire system.

Website: Two proposals for website will be given to the Finance Committee. Maureen is working with Mark Kerns.

The shooting at Mercy Hospital was mentioned. Dan Vicencio knew two of the victims. We should pray for them, their families and also for the shooter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

